

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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REMOVING METHOD" ) Re: *Final Office Action*

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on October 17, 2008, an initial response to which is due no later than **January 17, 2009**, Applicant submits this Amendment after Final Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Because this paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action, Applicant submits that this paper is a reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and requests expedited processing of this Amendment After Final Rejection as described in MPEP 714.13. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

The benefit of extension of the shortened statutory period should an advisory action issue after the shortened statutory period is claimed because this paper is submitted within two months of the mailing of the final office action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.